

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification as amended below with replacement paragraphs shows added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strike through~~.

Please insert a paragraph on page 1, between the Title and the heading "Field of the Invention" as follows:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 365 of PCT Application No. PCT/JP03/008290, filed June 30, 2003, and Japanese Application No. 2002-192066, filed July 1, 2002, which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entireties into this application.

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 3 as follows:

~~The~~ In accordance with the first aspect of the present invention, packaged commodity dispensing device ~~described in claim 1~~ comprises: a packaged commodity dispensing machine to dispense a package commodity; a frame into which the packaged commodity dispensing machine is permitted to detachably fit from forward, and a fixing section to fix the packaged commodity dispensing machine in a state of fitting into the frame.

Please replace the second full paragraph on page 3 as follows:

According to this packaged commodity dispensing device, since the packaged commodity ~~dispensing~~ dispensing machine can be attached to or detached from the frame, the packaged commodity ~~dispensing~~ dispensing machine can be taken out from the frame irrespective to the other packaged commodity ~~dispensing~~ dispensing machines. Thus, when taking out a desired packaged commodity ~~dispensing~~ dispensing machine, it is enough to release the fixation of the packaged commodity ~~dispensing~~ dispensing machine to the frame irrespective to the other packaged commodity ~~dispensing~~ dispensing machines. Also, since the fixing section to fix the packaged commodity ~~dispensing~~ dispensing machine in a state of fitting into the frame is provided, the packaged commodity ~~dispensing~~ dispensing machine can be fixed to the frame.

Please replace the third full paragraph on page 3 extending over to page 4 as follows:

~~In the packaged commodity dispensing device described in claim 2, the packaged commodity dispensing device as claimed in claim 1, wherein~~ Preferably, in the device of the first aspect of the present invention, frames are permitted to be piled in an upper and lower direction, and a fixing section to fix the frames in a piled state is provided.

Please replace the second full paragraph on page 4 as follows:

~~In the packaged commodity dispensing device described in claim 3, the packaged commodity dispensing device as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein the~~ Preferably, in the device of the first aspect of the present invention, frames are permitted to be arranged in parallel in a lateral direction, and a fixing section to fix the frames in a state of being arranged in parallel is provided.

Please replace the third full paragraph on page 4 as follows:

According to this packaged commodity dispensing device, since the frames are configured to be arranged in parallel in the lateral direction, a large scale commodity shelf can be structured by arranging the frames in parallel in the lateral direction and fitting the packaged commodity ~~dispensing~~ dispensing machine into the frames.

Please replace the fourth full paragraph on page 4 extending over to page 5 as follows:

~~In the packaged commodity dispensing device described in claim 4, the packaged commodity dispensing device as claimed in claim in any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein~~ Preferably, in the device of the first aspect of the present invention, a commodity supply opening is formed in an upper surface of a case body of the packaged commodity dispensing machine.

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 5 as follows:

According to this packaged commodity dispensing machine device, the packaged commodities can be supplied from the commodity supply opening of the case body of the packaged commodity ~~dispensing~~ dispensing machine by taking out the packaged commodity ~~dispensing~~ dispensing machine from the frame.

Please replace the second full paragraph on page 5 as follows:

~~In the packaged commodity dispensing device described in claim 5, the packaged commodity dispensing device as claimed in claim 4, wherein~~ Preferably, in the device of the first aspect of the present invention, a commodity supply opening is formed in an upper surface of the frame from or to which the packaged commodity dispensing machine is permitted to be inserted or removed.

Please replace the third full paragraph on page 5 as follows:

According to this packaged commodity dispensing device, since the commodity supply opening is formed in the upper surface of the frame, the packaged commodities can be supplied from the packaged commodity supply opening without taking out the packaged commodity ~~dispensing~~ dispensing machine.

Please replace the fourth full paragraph on page 5 extending over to page 6 as follows:

~~In the packaged commodity dispensing device described in claim 6, the packaged commodity dispensing device as claimed in claim 5,~~ In the device of the first aspect of the present invention, the packaged commodity dispensing device may further comprises comprise a commodity storing box which is permitted to directly be fixed to the frame, and a bottom plate of the packaged commodity storing case is permitted to be inserted or removed in a horizontal direction.

Please replace the second full paragraph on page 6 as follows:

~~In the packaged commodity dispensing device described in claim 7, the packaged commodity dispensing device as claimed in claim 5,~~ In the device of the first aspect of the present invention, the packaged commodity dispensing device may further comprises comprise a commodity display which is permitted to directly be fixed to the frame.

Please replace the fourth full paragraph on page 6 as follows:

~~In the packaged commodity dispensing device described in claim 8, the packaged commodity dispensing device as claimed in claim 8, the packaged commodity dispensing device as claimed in claim 5,~~ In the device of the first aspect of the present invention, the packaged commodity dispensing device may further comprises comprise a commodity storing box which is permitted to detachably fit into the frame from forward.

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 7 as follows:

~~In the packaged commodity dispensing device described in claim 9, the packaged commodity dispensing device as claimed in claim 5,~~ In the device of the first aspect of the present invention, the packaged commodity dispensing device may further comprises comprise a commodity display which is permitted to detachably fit into the frame from forward.

Please replace the third full paragraph on page 7 as follows:

~~In the packaged commodity dispensing device described in claim 10, the packaged commodity dispensing device as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 9,~~ In the device of the first aspect of the present invention, the packaged commodity dispensing device may further comprises comprise a base which is permitted to detachably be fixed to a bottom of the frame.

Please replace the fifth full paragraph on page 7 extending over to page 8 as follows:

~~In the packaged commodity dispensing device described in claim 11, the packaged commodity dispensing device as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 10,~~ In the device of the first aspect of the present invention, the packaged commodity dispensing device may further comprises comprise a clean box which is permitted to detachably fit into a frame. Further, in the ~~packaged commodity dispensing device described in claim 12, the packaged commodity dispensing device as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 10,~~ of the first aspect of the present invention, the base is may be provided with a clean box.

Please replace the second full paragraph on page 8 as follows:

~~In the packaged commodity dispensing device described in claim 13, the packaged commodity dispensing device as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 12, wherein~~ Preferably, in the device of the first aspect of the present invention, at least a front wall of the packaged commodity dispensing machine is formed with a transparent material, and an arch shaped wall portion which protrudes forward is formed at a central portion of the front wall in a width direction.

Please replace the fourth full paragraph on page 8 as follows:

~~In the packaged commodity dispensing device described in claim 14, the packaged commodity dispensing device as claimed in claim 13, wherein~~ Preferably, in the device of the first aspect of the present invention, protruding pieces are formed inward at both ends of the arch shaped wall portion of the packaged commodity dispensing machine, and a partition plate which removably fits between joint portions of the protruding portions and the arch shaped wall portion is provided.

Please replace the second full paragraph on page 9 as follows:

~~In the packaged commodity dispensing device described in claim 15, the packaged commodity dispensing device as claimed in claim 14, wherein~~ of the first aspect of the present invention, the partition plate is may be formed into a shape following an inner surface of the arch shaped wall portion.

Please replace the fourth full paragraph on page 9 as follows:

~~In the packaged commodity dispensing device described in claim 16, the packaged commodity dispensing device as claimed in claim 15, In the device of the first aspect of the present invention, the packaged commodity dispensing device may further comprises~~ comprise a display member which is inserted between the partition plate and the arch shape wall portion.

Please replace the fifth full paragraph on page 9 and extending to page 10 as follows:

According to this packaged commodity dispensing device, when the partition plate is stored to be close to the arch shaped wall portion, a display member such as an advertisement or an instruction for use can be displayed therebetween. Also, when the direction of the partition plate is inverted to attach the display member, the packaged commodities are stored in the space formed therebetween, and the display member is moved along the rear surface (protruding side surface) of the partition plate to sandwich and hold the display member between the side edges of the partition plate and the protruding pieces. Thus, both of the commodity samples and the display member can be seen. The display member may be provided to be close to the front side surface of the partition plate, although the holding power would be reduced.

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 10 as follows:

~~In the packaged commodity dispensing device described in claim 17, the packaged commodity dispensing device as claimed in claim 14 or 15, In the device of the first aspect of the present invention, the packaged commodity dispensing device may further comprises~~comprise a shelf at a middle portion in a height direction of the partition plate.

Please replace the third full paragraph on page 10 as follows:

~~In the packaged commodity dispensing device described in claim 18, the packaged commodity dispensing device as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 17, wherein~~ Preferably, in the device of the first aspect of the present invention, at least a front wall and a side wall of the packaged commodity dispensing machine are formed with a transparent material, and a corner at which the front wall meets the side wall is formed into a curved surface.

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 11 as follows:

~~In the packaged commodity dispensing device described in claim 19, the packaged commodity dispensing device as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 18, wherein~~ of the first aspect of the present invention, an inspection hole is may be formed in a rear surface of the frame.